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### **APD Seeks Assistance in Identifying Taxi Driver Robbery Suspect**

**Cases:** 09-0040178 and 09-0080128

**Dates:** January 4 and 8, 2009

The Austin Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying robbery suspects.

In two separate but related incidents, in the early morning hours of January 4, 2009, and January 8, 2009, two suspects robbed cab drivers. A weapon was used in both robberies to take money and other property from the cab drivers. The robberies happened at 2401 S. Lakeshore Boulevard and on Pecan Springs Road, near East 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Springdale Road.

Both suspects appear to be slender, tall, medium skin toned black males in their early to mid 20's. One of the suspects has a tattoo on the left side of his neck. It is believed the suspects frequent the Riverside and the Manor Road and East 51<sup>st</sup> Street areas. The name "Tony" was used by one of the suspects.

Cab companies in the Austin area have been made aware of the robberies. This case remains under investigation by APD Robbery detectives. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Robbery tip line at 974-5092, the Robbery Unit at 974-5270, or CrimeStoppers at 472-8477.

**Media Advisory:** Photos of the suspects are attached. A Robbery Detective will be available for interview at 3:30 p.m. today at APD Headquarters.